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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: TSB SESSION FEB 13-15

REF: (A) HONG KONG 1977, (B) STATE 41381, (C) GENEVA 1329

1. TC CHAIRMAN LONG'S CURRENT THINKING RE SCHEDULING
NEXT TC HAS NOT PROGRESSED BEYOND POINT REPORTED PARA 3
REF C. LONG STILL HOPING THAT EITHER CANADA OR NORDICS
OR, PREFERABLY BOTH, WOULD ACCEPT MFA SOON. PRIOR
ACCEPTANCE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW PRIOR RESOLUTION ONE WAY
OR THE OTHER OF CANADA-NORDIC TSB SEAT CONTROVERSY, STILL
APPEARS BE ONLY WAY GUARANTEEING A QUIET TC MEETING;
A TC WHERE ONLY AGENDA ITEM IS DECISION ON TSB
MEMBERSHIP.

2. US TSB REP HEARS THAT BOTH SWEDEN, NORWAY AND CANADA
AS WELL ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS IN BILATERAL
NEGOTIATIONS. BELIEF HERE IS THAT THESE PARTICIPANTS
WILL BE IN POSITION ACCEPT MFA, IF NOT BEFORE END MARCH,
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THEN PROBABLY BEFORE END APRIL. TC CHAIRMAN LONG, IN
THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, WILL DELAY CONVENING TC UP TO POINT
WHERE DELAY IS PROTESTED BY MAJOR PARTICIPANTS. SINCE
ALL PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZE RISKS INVOLVED IN CONVENING
TC WITHOUT PRIOR INFORMAL RESOLUTION TSB SEATING
QUESTION, IT UNLIKELY THAT LONG WILL HEAR ANY PROTESTS
BEFORE END APRIL.

3. TSB MEETING FEB 13-15 (FIRST THIS YEAR) INVOLVED:

A) ROUTINE EXAMINATION 8 NOTIFICATIONS (5 WERE U.S.)
AND, B) EXTENDED, INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF TSB
PROCEDURES IN HANDLING DISPUTES. NOTIFICATIONS EXAMINED
WERE: A) AUSTRIA/EGYPT, TERMINATION OF BILATERAL AND
REPLACEMENT BY CONSULTATION AGREEMENT; B) SWEDEN/
MAURITIUS, NEW AGREEMENT WITH NON-PARTICIPANT NOTIFIED
UNDER MFA ART 7-8; C) US/POLAND, ART 4 AMENDMENT;
D) US/PORTUGAL (MACAU), ART 4 AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION;
E) US/ROMANIA, ART 4 AMENDMENT; F) US/HAITI, ART 4
AMENDMENT; G) US/INDIA, ART 4 AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION;
AND H) NOTIFICATIONS FROM HONG KONG AND CANADA ON
PROGRESS IN SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

4. DUE TO NEED TO CONSIDER TSB DISPUTE PROCEDURES AT
FEB 13-15 SESSION AND TO US REP'S NEED TO CONSULT
PRIVATELY WITH OTHER TSB REPS IN ORDER INSURE THAT
NEW U.S. BILATERALS NOTIFIED BEFORE ANY EC NOTIFICATIONS
WOULD NOT BE USED BY SOME TSB EXPORTING MEMBERS AS
TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PRECEDENT PURPOSES PRIOR TO
EXAMINATION EC BILATERALS, US REP, WITH CONCURRENCE
TSB CHAIRMAN, INTENTIONALLY DEFERRED SUBMISSION NEW
U.S. BILATERALS. US REP, NOW SATISFIED THIS WILL NOT
BE CASE, WILL SUBMIT ALL NEW BILATERALS (REF B) FOR
EXAMINATION NEXT TSB SESSION FEB 27.
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5. REPORT OF TSB DISCUSSIONS OF DISPUTE PROCEDURES
AND COMMENTS ON IMPLICATION THIS DISCUSSION FOLLOWS
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